(b) and (c). Yes, Sir. Some scenes of the earlier episode of the serial were pruned to render it suitable for family viewing.

(d) Yes, Sir.

[*Translation*]

Speed Post Facility in Cities of Bihar

1775. SHRI CHHEDI PASWAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cities having 'speed post' facility and the number of cities that do not have such facility in Bihar;

(b) the number of cities in which the 'speed-post' facility is proposed to be introduced by the Government during 1991-92; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) Speed Post facility is available in the following 4 cities in Bihar under speed post national network and in 3 cities under point to point speed post service.

UNDER NATIONAL NETWORK

I) Patna

(ii) Ranchi

(iii) Dhanbad

iv) Jamshedpur

UNDER POINT TO POINT SPEED POST SERVICE

I) Patna

(ii) Giridih

(iii) Darbhanga

The facility does not exist in other cities of Bihar.

(b) There is no proposal for the present to introduce speed post service in any other city/town of Bihar.

(c) Non-availability of suitable transmission network and traffic viability are the reasons for not starting speed post service in other cities/towns.

New Telephone Exchanges in Bihar

1776. SHRI CHHEDI PASWAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of new telephone exchanges set up in Bihar last year and the names of the places thereof;

(b) the names of the places where telephone exchanges have been expanded during the last three years; and

(c) the names of the places where telephone exchanges are likely to be commissioned and expanded during 1991-92 and the type of the Technology to which they relate?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) 13 (Details in Statement-I attached).

(b) 112 (Details in Statement-II attached).

(c) 60 (Details in Statement Annex-III attached).